

JOHN AND THOMAS JORDAN OF GUILFORD, CONN.,
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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1. JOHN¹ and THOMAS¹ JORDAN, probably brothers, were among the first planters of Guilford. John Jordan signed the plantation Covenant of June 1, 1639. Thomas may have been then young or then dead. They were both persons of distinction among the early Colonists. John Jordan's name appears as one of the trustees in the Deed of 1 acre to the settlers of Guilford, Dec. 17, 1641, and again with Mr. De-laune & and his brother Thomas Jordan's in the deed of Wethersfield to Mr. Wethersfield, Sept. 20, 1641. He died, probably, early in June, 1644-50, as his inventory is dated Feb. 1, 1645-50. In 1634 Thomas Clarke of Milford had married Ann, widow of John Jordan.

Thomas¹ Jordan, one of the most prominent of the settlers of Guilford, was young, perhaps not quite of age, when the colony was planted. He was one of the moderate judges of the Particular Court chosen Oct. 7, 1640, and Treasurer from an early period. He was Representative in the Plantations Court, 1631-1634, at which sessions, and was appointed by the Plantations Court to go to Boston with an answer to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1633. At a court at Guilford, Sept. 1, 1634, he took down the evidence in "short hand." About 1633 he returned to England, as he no longer appears on the Town and Colours Records. In a letter written in June to Mr. Lenth, from England, he gives his house to Andrew Lenth, who had married his daughter, Elizabeth Jordan, June 1, 1633. In 1640, William Lenth and Cuthbert Lenth were administrators of their grandfather's "Mr. Thomas Jordan dec'd late of old England," part of whose land had been laid out first to Mr. William Lenth and Mr. Thomas Jordan in common and were divided. His grandchildren were, James William and Cuthbert, Samuel, Dorothy, Abigail, and Mary Lenth.

On Sept. 12, 1644, William Lenth wrote to Gov. John Winthrop asking him (4 Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., vi., p. 405) to try to gain Mr. Jordan's consent to the intermarriage of Jordan's daughter Elizabeth Winthrop to Lenth's son Andrew. On Dec. 28, 1674, a letter was shown the trustees of Guilford, from Thomas Jordan to Gov. Lenth, withdrawing the recording of Jordan's land to Andrew Lenth, with the condition that "should he marry but not take another wife," after his death she land "shall go to the children of my daughter, or the name of her, of her body to my lawful heirs."

1. JOHN² JORDAN married Ann, daughter of John Bishop, and had the following children:

- I. HELEN³ m. June 16, 1668, Edson Wetherham.
- II. KIRKHAM³, d. 1720, is Nov. 27, 1664, Dan's (Dan's) Fishland, who d. 1720.
- III. QUILL³, m. Abigail Post (strongly called Abner in his obit. vol. 25 p. 107).

2. Dr. JAMES, b. Mar., 1668-7

3. JOHN² JORDAN (John's) was a cooper, and married Deborah ———, who died in 1677. He removed to Marlborough, and sold his house-
lot in Guilford to William Lenth, Jr., on June 24, 1678. Before

JORDAN in GUILFORD, CONN. — Supplementary to the notes of Dr. Edward C. Sigler on John and Thomas Jordan of Guilford, Conn., and their descendants, printed in the *BOSTON* vol. 23, page 313, it may be said that John¹ Jordan (John²) married a son and three real the evidence seems reasonably satisfactory that his second wife was Katherine, daughter of Alexander and Katherine (Poof) Chalker, and that she was the mother of James² (John³, John⁴) Jordan, and probably of Catherine Jordan who married William Russell.

A return of antiquities to settle a difficulty between Thomas Avery et al and James Jordan and Stephen Poof in behalf of his brothers, concerning a piece of land in Saybrook (Pachank Records, vol. 7, p. 127), dated Oct. 22, 1762, recites that "the meadow descended from Mr. Stephen Poof, now in possession of his grand-children Abram and James Poof and his great grand-child James Jordan."

Abram, son of Stephen Poof of Saybrook, married Mary, the sister of John¹ Jordan as noted by Mr. Richard Katherine, daughter of Stephen Poof, married Alexander Chalker, and was the mother of four daughters, Mary, b. 1622, who married Richard Conover, Katherine, b. 1627, Sarah, b. 1671, Jane b. 1673.

It has been noted that Katherine, daughter of Alexander Chalker, married John Hill, but Saybrook Records (vol. 1, p. 124) show ample proof that John Hill married the widow, and not the daughter, of Alexander Chalker. The presence of children shows that in this Chalker family were to be found the grand-daughter of Stephen Poof, who married John¹ Jordan, and further proof appears from the fact that Abraham, son of Alexander Chalker, ancestor of John¹ Jordan's wife (will not found), recites himself as the "uncle" (uncle) of Mary² Jordan (John³, John⁴). Of the three younger Chalker girls, Katherine, by reason of age and the passing down of the name in the next generation, seems probably to have been the wife of John¹ Jordan (John²). MARY B. JONES.

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